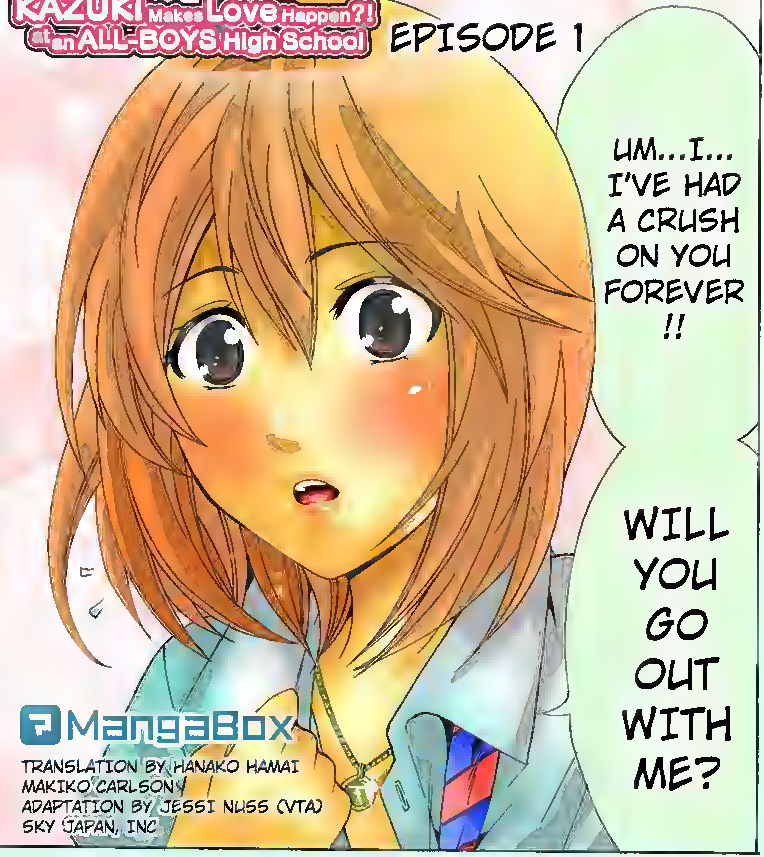
KAZUKI Makes Love Happen?! in an ALL-BOYS High School

EPISODE 1



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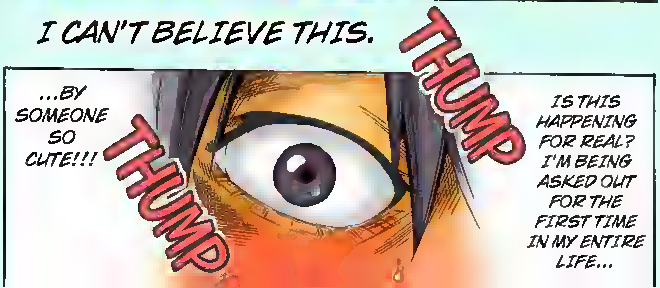
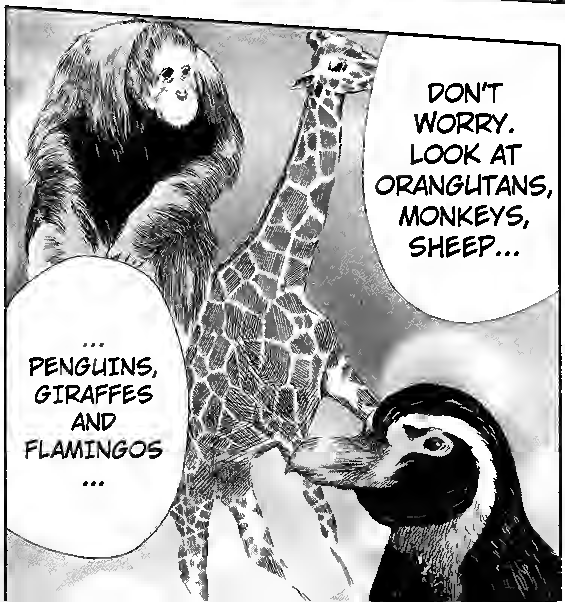

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
...BY SOMEONE SO CUTE!!!
THUMP
THUMP
IS THIS HAPPENING FOR REAL? I'M BEING ASKED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY ENTIRE LIFE...

AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL!!!
THIS IS OYAMADA HIGH SCHOOL...
CHATTER
CHATTER
...ONE PROBLEM THOUGH.
THERE IS...

SO IS THIS CUTIE, YU SAKURADA...
SHINESS
SHINESS
WHICH MEANS I, KAZUKI YUGAWARA, AM A GUY AND...
WAIT A MINUTE ... YOU'RE A DUDE, RIGHT?!
YEP
WELL... LOOK...
YOU'RE A GUY AND... SO AM I...

CUTE...
THAT'S RIGHT!!!
SO CUTE... N...NO NO!!!
HE DOES LOOK AS CUTE AS A GIRL...



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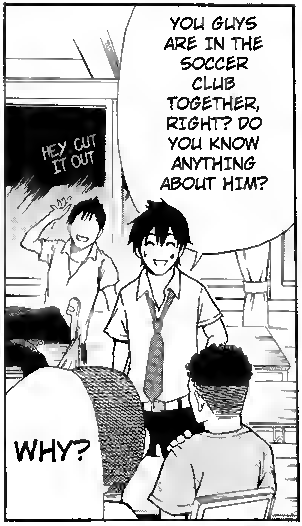
BRIGHTENS
IN THE ANIMAL WORLD, MALE COUPLES ARE NOTHING UNUSUAL!!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!!!!
HELLO?!
S... SEE YA.
W... WAIT !!!!


YOU GUYS ARE IN THE SOCCER CLUB TOGETHER, RIGHT? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?
HEY CUT IT OUT
WHY?

CHATTER
ATHREX
SAKURA-DA? THAT FRESH-MAN??
CHATTER

UM... WELL... I JUST...
THUMP

WELL... L... LET'S JUST CALM DOWN AND THINK...
OH... R... REALLY ...

HE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL AND THEY THINK THAT'S CUTE.
LAUGH
GIRLS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ARE CRAZY ABOUT HIM.

I... ADMIT I'M HAPPY...
I WAS ASKED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME...
BUT... HE'S A GUY...
MAN, I SURE WISH HE WAS A GIRL...
SURPRISE
OH...
KAZUKI !!!
PLAY
YOUR HOUSE IS THIS WAY, RIGHT? I'LL WALK WITH YOU.
WELL... I SHOULDN'T TREAT HIM SO BADLY...
UM... OKAY...
GREAT. LET'S GO!!!
WHY...

WE HAVE. DON'T YOU REMEMBER ??
WHAT ...?
WHY... ME?? WE HAVEN'T TALKED BEFORE AND WE'RE IN DIFFERENT GRADES.
AT FIRST, I WAS JUST WATCHING YOU AND THOUGHT YOU WERE NICE...
THEN I TALKED TO YOU AND REALIZED YOU WERE SO TOUGH AND MANLY. YOU WERE SO COOL...
MY CLASSMATE AND I WERE ON THE SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WITH YOU.
I... KIND OF REMEM-BER...
I GUESS THERE WERE A LOT OF US THEN.
YES YOU ARE!!
T...THANKS BUT ACTUALLY, I'M NOT THAT COOL...
BLUSH
COOL
COOL

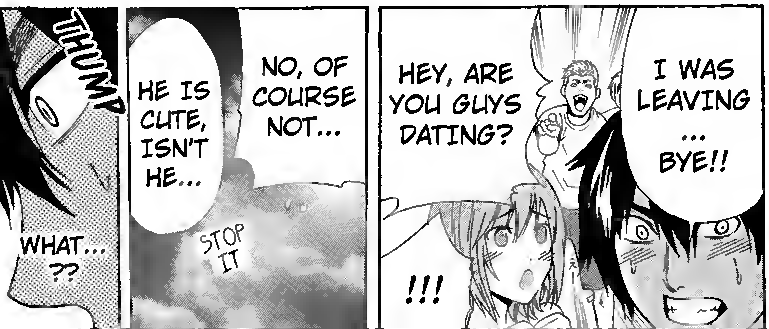
THAT'S WHY... I LIKE YOU...
AGH...
DING DONG
WHAT'S THIS FEELING... IT'S KIND OF EMBARRA-SSING... AND KIND OF SAD...

WHISTLE
GO!!
OHJU
SHRIEK
YU!!
OH MY GOSH. HE'S SO CUTE!!
COME ON, QUICK !!
HE...
...
HE REALLY IS POPULAR ...

AT ALL-BOYS SCHOOLS, THERE'S AN INVISIBLE "HIERARCHY".
...HE ISN'T INTER-ESTED IN GIRLS??
NO ONE TALKS ABOUT IT OR DISCRIMI-NATES AGAINST EACH OTHER BUT...
NOT A VIRGIN
HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
HAVE A FEMALE FRIEND
HAVE TALKED WITH A GIRL WITHIN A MONTH
ONLY HAS CONTACT WITH GUYS
HASN'T HAD ANY CONTACT WITH A GIRL FOR OVER THREE YEARS
THE BOTTOM!! GIRLS? WHAT ARE THOSE?
IT DEFINITELY EXISTS AND I'M AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF IT...

SHRIEK
SHRIEK
SO IT MAKES ME WONDER
YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO GO FOR A GUY IF YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTERACTION WITH GIRLS BUT...
HE'S GETTING ENOUGH ATTENTION FROM... GIRLS...
HMM... I DON'T GET IT...
...
WHOA !!!

BRIGHTENS
KAZUKI!!! YOU CAME TO SEE ME PLAY!!
T... THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!!!


I WAS LEAVING ... BYE!!
HEY, ARE YOU GUYS DATING?
!!!
NO, OF COURSE NOT...
HE IS CUTE, ISN'T HE...
STOP IT
THUMP
WHAT...??

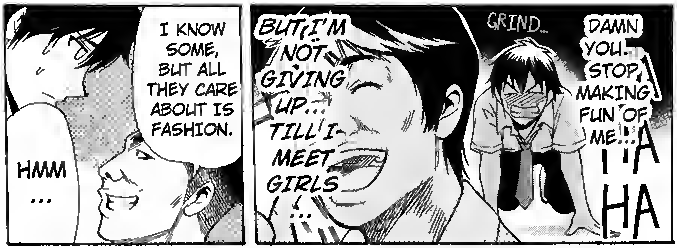
HE HE HE
WAIT... NO...
THUMP
THUMP
HAHAHA
STOP
WHAT AM I THINKING... THEY'RE JUST FOOLING AROUND...
IT'S NOTHING... NOTHING...
THUMP
WAAAH !!!
HE HE HE

WHEN DID I TALK TO A WOMAN LAST...
BESIDES MY MOTHER... OH...
BUT IN ANY CASE, MY LIFE IS...
CHAMP
...MISERABLE
IT WAS A LADY... AT A CONVENIENCE STORE...
YOU WANT ME TO HEAT IT UP??
UM YES

IT'S NOT GOOD...

WHAT ??
I WANNA HAVE FUN!!! I WANT A GIRLFRIEND !!!
BUM
I CAN'T HELP FEELING CURIOUS ABOUT YU BECAUSE THERE'RE NO GIRLS IN MY LIFE!!!

HAHA
S...SHUT UP!!! DO YOU KNOW ANY GIRLS OR NOT?
YOU CRACK ME UP!!
YOU WANNA GO ON A GROUP DATE?! CAN YOU EVEN TALK TO A GIRL?


HMM ...
I KNOW SOME, BUT ALL THEY CARE ABOUT IS FASHION.
BUT, I'M NOT GIVING UP... TILL I MEET GIRLS
GRIND..
DAMN YOU. STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!!
HA HA

WHAT ...
OH YEAH ?
I CAN CALL SOME GIRLS.

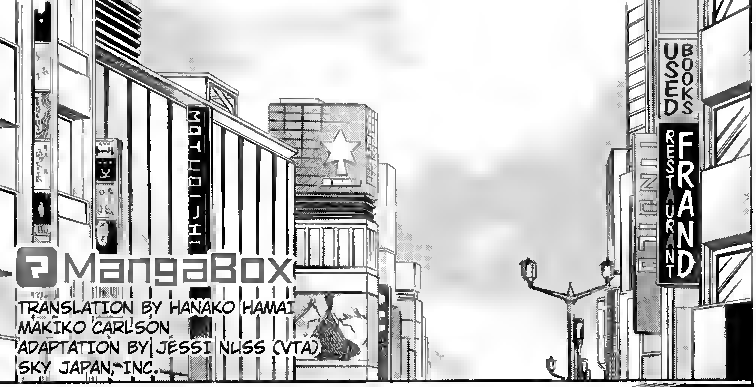
WHAT'S YOUR TYPE??
WOW
UM... N...NO NO...
Y... YU?!

I MEAN, IF I HANG OUT WITH GIRLS...
A... ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS ??
SURE I AM.

I KNOW THREE GIRLS FROM NISHI HIGH SCHOOL. LET'S GO HANG OUT TODAY.
I'M COMING TOO THEN.
WHAT ...

THUMP
SOUNDS GOOD. LET HIM HANDLE IT.
W... WHAT IS HE THINKING ??
W... WELL...

THAT'LL GET ME MORE EXCITED ...
DOOM



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TODAY, I'M GOING TO ON A GROUP DATE FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!!!

WHERE THE HECK IS YU.

PANIC

PANIC

OH NO... I'M GETTING NERVOUS ...

BUT I WONDER ...

WHAT HE'S LIKE AT GROUP DATES... WHEN HE'S NOT AT SCHOOL...

WILL HE DRESS LIKE A GIRL...? NO WAY...

HMM

THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN... BUT...

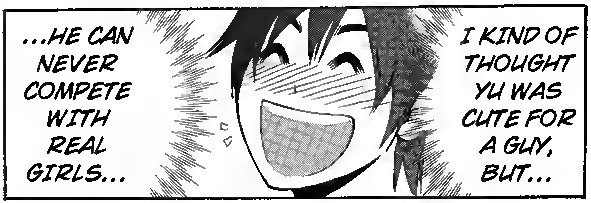
HEY, THERE YOU ARE.

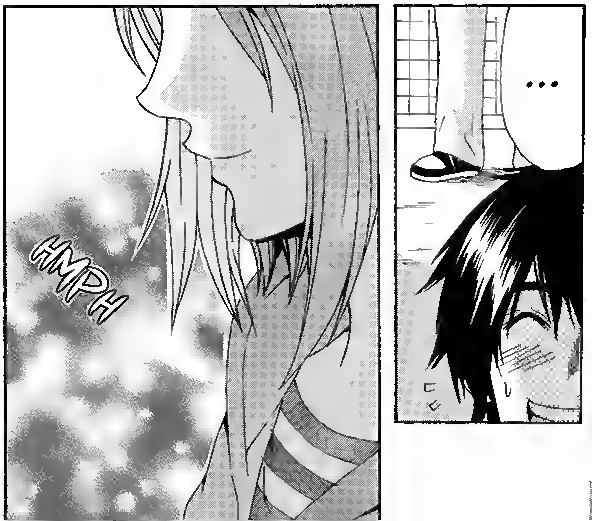
OH, THE GIRLS AREN'T HERE YET??
O... OH...
WHERE ARE THEY??
I TOLD THEM TO MEET US HERE...
HMM... HE ISN'T DRESSED LIKE A GIRL BUT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE ONE IN A WAY...
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER!!! I'VE GOTTA FOCUS ON THE GROUP DATE!!!
HEY YOU GUYS !!!
SORRY... OUR TRAIN WAS LATE.
STEP

YOU GUYS GO TO SCHOOL WITH YU??
HELLO !!!
GIR...
GIR...
G... GGGGG

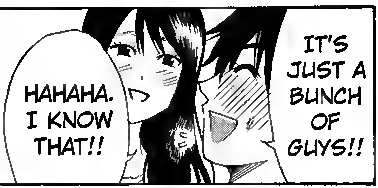
OH MY GOSH! THEY'RE SO CUTE! HOW CAN THEY BE SO DIFFERENT FROM GUYS!!
THEIR PRESENCE ALONE LIGHTS UP THE WORLD...

GIRLS!!!

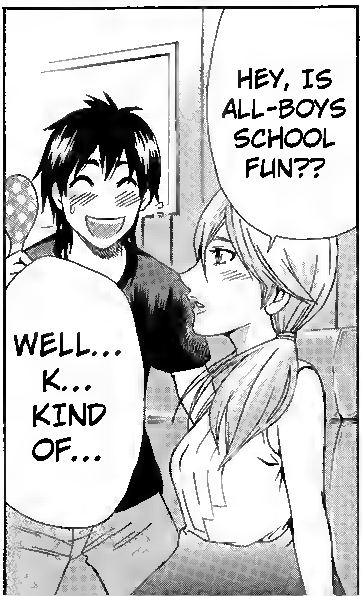

I KIND OF THOUGHT YU WAS CUTE FOR A GUY, BUT...
...HE CAN NEVER COMPETE WITH REAL GIRLS...


...
HMPH

CHATTER
I DON'T KNOW ANY NEW SONGS.
CHATTER
KARAOKE!! IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
LET'S JUST SING.


IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF GUYS!!
HAHAHA. I KNOW THAT!!

WHAT'S THIS SWEET SCENT I'VE NEVER SMELLED BEFORE ...?
GROUP DATES ARE AWESOME !!!


HEY, IS ALL-BOYS SCHOOL FUN??
WELL... K... KIND OF...

LET'S PLAY KING'S DARE !!!
YEAH !!!
GOOD IDEA, YU!!

CLAP
CLAP

SCARED
!???
K... KING'S DARE?! I GET TO PLAY THAT LEGENDARY GAME AT LAST...
THE ONE WHO BECOMES A KING CAN LITERALLY BEHAVE LIKE A KING... WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO SOMEONE...

THUMP
...SO ORDINARY LIKE ME?!
THUMP
WHAT !!!
SHAKE SHAKE
I'M THE KING !!!
OH, COME ON!!
WHAT?!
YOU SET IT UP!!!
...SHIORI AND...
NO I DIDN'T... NOW I ORDER...

C...
CHEEKS?!
GIRL'S CHEEKS??
THUMP
I CAN TOUCH THEM?!
S..
SERIOUSLY
...
THUMP
...
KAZUKI PINCH EACH OTHER'S CHEEKS !!!
WHAT !!!
THAT'S GREAT
B...BUT I REALLY CAN?!
SMILE
SMILE
COME ON, DO IT.
UGH...
IS HE HAVING FUN WATCHING ME PANIC?!
THUMP
NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO PINCH SHIORI'...

CHEEKS
...
LET'S DO IT!!!
FOR TEN SECONDS !!!
MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST!!!
THUMP
THUMP
WAAA!! OH MY GOSH!!
THUMP
THIS IS HOW WONDERFUL GIRL'S SKIN FEELS!!
WOW... SO SOFT AND SMOOTH...!!!
THUMP
SQUEEZE
OH ...
EIGHT ... NINE ... TEN!!!

MY GOSH !!!
GIRLS ARE... HEAVENLY !!!
shaky shake
STARE

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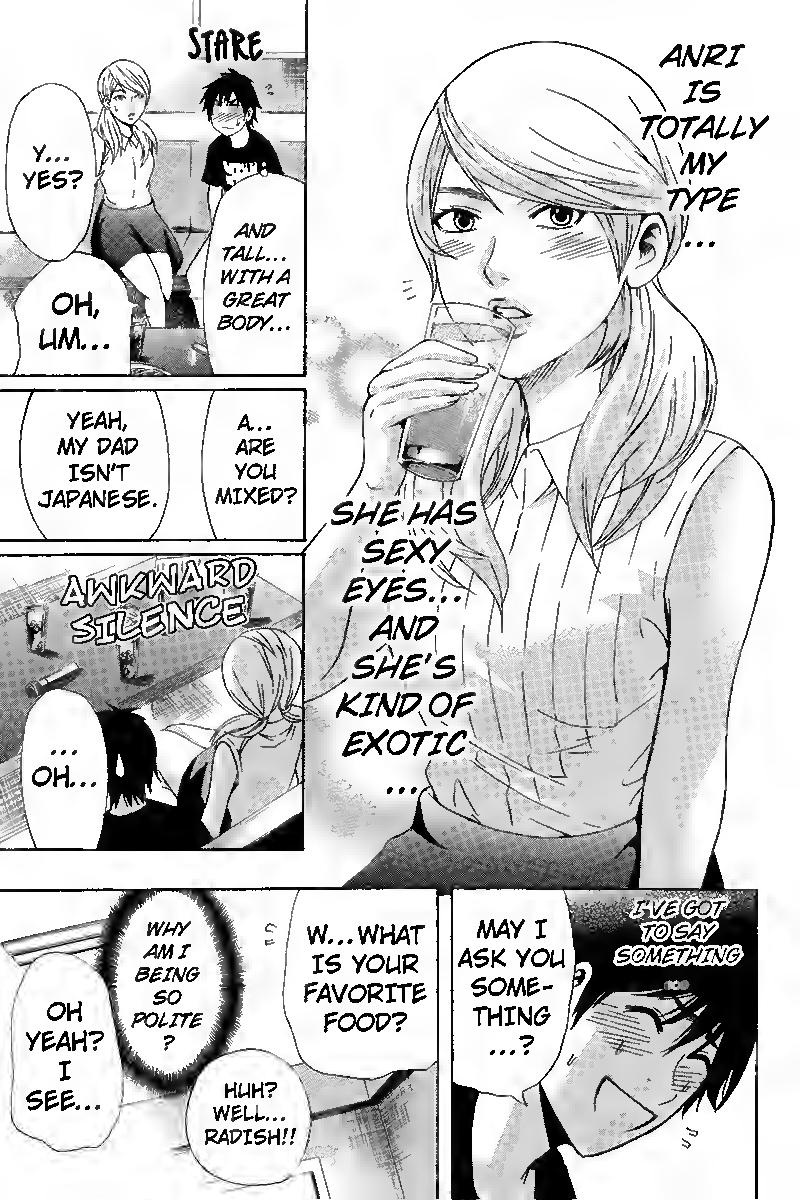
THE ONE-ON-ONE CHAT!!
WHAT ?!
J... JUST THE TWO OF US...
THUMP
THUMP


ANRI IS TOTALLY MY TYPE...
SHE HAS SEXY EYES... AND SHE'S KIND OF EXOTIC...
I'VE GOT TO SAY SOMETHING
MAY I ASK YOU SOME-THING...?
W...WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
HUH? WELL... RADISH!!
WHY AM I BEING SO POLITE?
OH YEAH? I SEE...
STARE
Y... YES?
AND TALL... WITH A GREAT BODY...
OH, UM...
A... ARE YOU MIXED?
YEAH, MY DAD ISN'T JAPANESE.
AWKWARD SILENCE
...OH...

OH... BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW YU?
HUH??
LUCKY DOG. YU KNOWS SO MANY CUTE GIRLS...
I'M EVEN MORE CONFUSED ...
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH ANYONE, KAZUKI?
I THINK SHIORI BECAME FRIENDS WITH HIM AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
YU HAS TONS OF FEMALE FRIENDS.
OH, OKAY ...
W... WHAT... N... NO!!
REALLY? THEN LET'S EXCHANGE NUMBERS.
WHAT ...
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!
LET ME BEAM MY INFO TO YOUR PHONE.
SCORE!! A GIRL'S PHONE NUMBER FOR THE FIRST TIME...

I HAVE A FEELING WE'RE GONNA GET ALONG.
LET'S GO OUT SOME-TIME.
S...
SERIOUSLY ?!!!
BLAST OFF
MAZIKAAA!"

BYE!!
THAT WAS FUN.
SEE YOU LATER, YU.
LET'S GO OUT SOME-TIME!!
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.
YEAH ?
TWITU
TWITU
DID YOU CLICK WITH ANYONE ?
HUH?
I MIGHT BE GOING OUT SOON!
HE HE
...

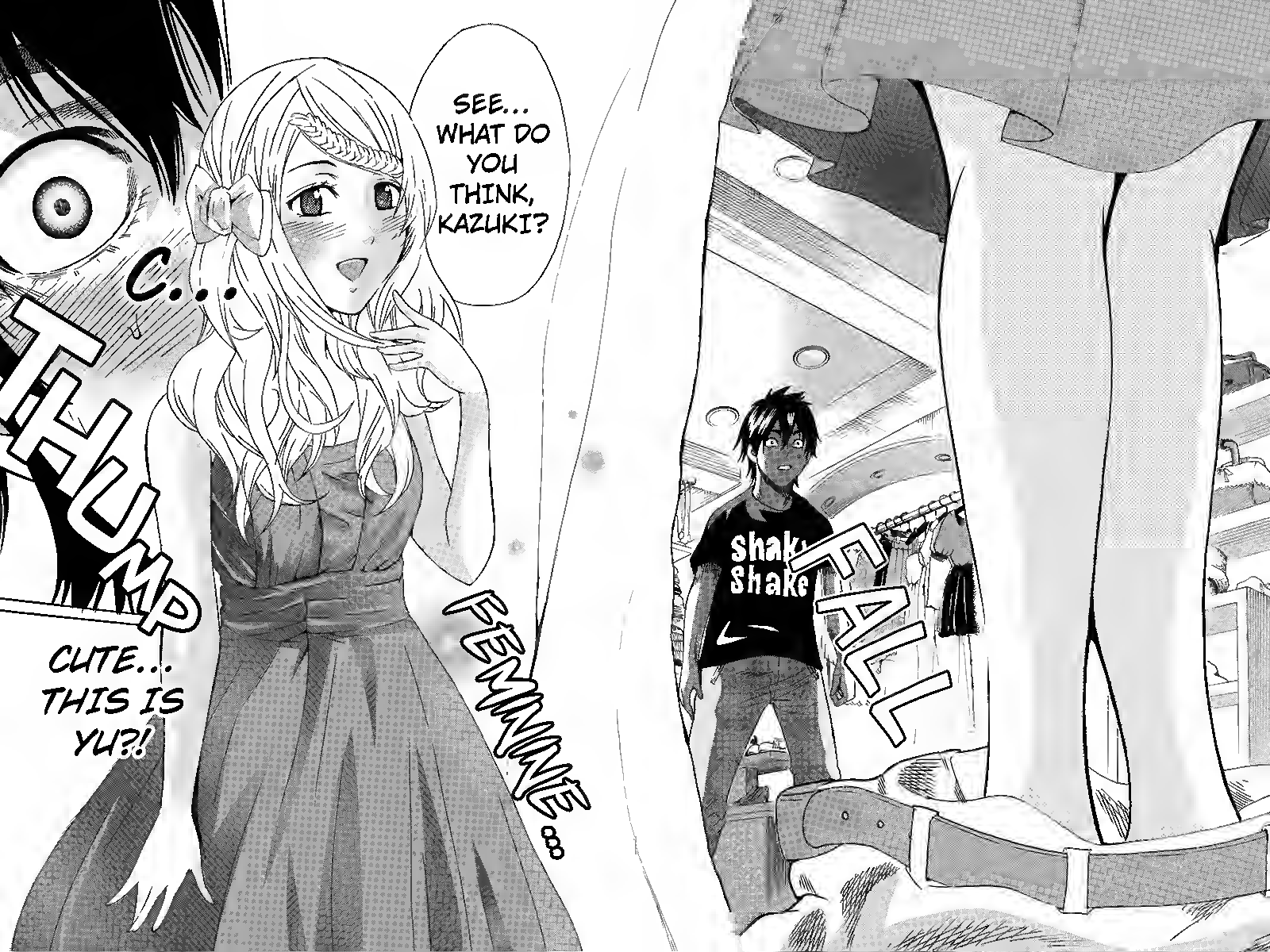
HA HA ...
PFFT
WHAT? WHY ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?
A HA HA!!
YOU REALLY CAN'T ...
... IMPRESS GIRLS.
WHAT ...??
THUMP
RING ... CLICK
HEY GIRLS!
GIRLS FROM EARLIER ?
HEY, YU! THAT WAS FUN.YOU KNOW...

THAT KAZUKI GUY, HE WAS REALLY BORING!!!
HA HA
THE OTHER GUY WAS HOT, THOUGH.
CLICK
END CALL
ALL THOSE GIRLS HAVE BOY-FRIENDS.
WHAT?
THEY WERE PRETEND-ING TO BE SINGLE...
...
BEEP
BY THE WAY ...
...WHAT... WHY...?
YOU KNOW ...

I THINK YOU IDEALIZE WOMEN TOO MUCH...
YOU THINK THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL ...
INNOCENT
AND PURE.
THUMP
... WHAT...
THE REALITY IS .. WOMEN ARE MESSED UP INSIDE.
DESIRE... JEALOUSY... LAZINESS ...
...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY MEN AND WOMEN GET INTO RELATIONSHIPS TO BEGIN WITH.
Shaky Shake

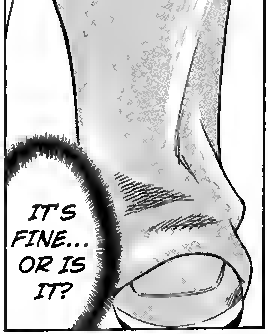
FUNDA-
MENTALLY,
WE DON'T
BELONG TO
ONE
ANOTHER
AS
SPECIES.
HOBBIES,
PREFERENCES,
PERSONALITIES,
BODY-TYPES,
FEELINGS...
WHY
DO WE
FORCE
OURSELVES
TO LIKE
THEM?
WHY PUT UP
WITH THEM?

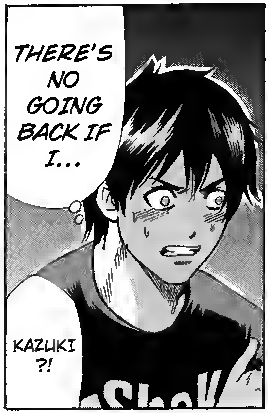
I... I DON'T KNOW ...
I LIKE... GIRLS ...
...
COME WITH ME, THEN.
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND.
... SHOW ME?
ZALA
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT...


C...
THUMP
CUTE... THIS IS YU?!
SEE... WHAT DO YOU THINK, KAZUKI?
FEMININE...
FAT
Shake
Shake

CHUCKLE
HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...
HOW COME YOU'RE BLUSHING ?
ME LOOKING LIKE A GIRL...
MAKES YOUR HEART RACE EVEN THOUGH I'M A GUY, DOESN'T IT?
IT SHOWS YOU THAT YOU JUST LIKE THE WAY GIRLS LOOK...
Y... YOU'RE
WRONG !!
I AM??
STOP... THIS ISN'T RIGHT...
I'M NOT...
...
...
KAZUKI ...

THUMP
HUG
!!!
H... HEY!!
I LIKE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ...
AND I UNDERSTAND YOU MORE THAN ANYONE...
I...
...
...A SMALL PART OF ME IS...





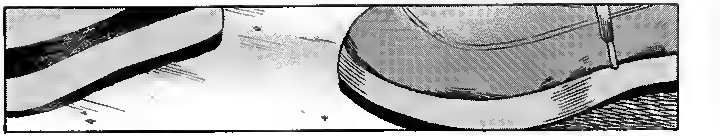
...BUT...

...WHAT IF I DID GO OUT WITH HIM...

I'M...

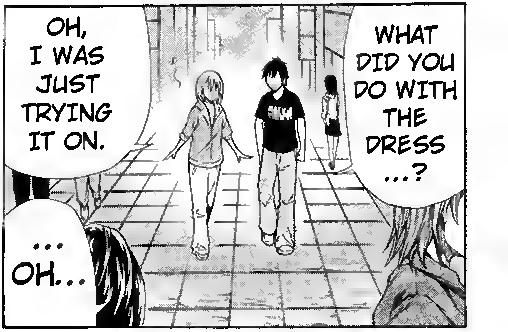
STARTING TO ACCEPT YU...

...NOT SURE HOW FAR I COULD GO...
BANK



WHAT? NO!
DISAPP-OINTED ?

WAIT A SECOND...


OH, I WAS JUST TRYING IT ON.
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE DRESS ...?
... OH...

...MAYBE ...I COULD HANDLE A KISS?
IS IT BECAUSE I JUST SAW HIM IN A DRESS? HE'S
HA HA
!!!
ARE YOU HAVING DIRTY THOUGHTS ?
KAZUKI
WAIT... HE'S A GUY! BUT...
N... NO...
THUMP
THUMP
HE CAN READ MY MIND ...?!
...KAZUKI...

...IT'S OKAY WITH ME...
I MIGHT JUST...
STEP
NO, STOP...
DON'T BE CLOSING YOUR EYES ON ME! OR ELSE...
IT'S NOT OKAY WITH ME! HEY, STOP...
THUMP
... WHAT ...?!

THUMP.
WAIT...
NO...NO...
THUMP

HERE I GO...
I...
THUMP
I... I CAN'T STOP...
THUMP THUMP
THUMP
YES...
THUMP

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
MOVE IN
YU...!!
Y...

TURN
OH NO, IT'S GETTING LATE. I GOTTA GO HOME.

...
I REALLY DO LIKE YOU...
BUT YOU'RE JUST THINKING ABOUT ME NOW BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET THE OTHER
I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH A GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN GET A GIRL.

W... WHAT THE...
HA HA. ARE YOU OKAY?
... UM...

I WANT YOU TO BECOME POPULAR WITH GIRLS AND MAKE ME JEALOUS.
THEN...

WE'LL GET BACK TO WHERE WE LEFT OFF TODAY?
POINT
W... WHAT...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME...?
HA HA!! SEE YOU AT SCHOOL!
I ...
UG...
WHAT A JERK ...
HE'S PISSING ME OFF!!
YOU JUST WAIT ...

I GUESS I'D ALREADY FALLEN FOR HIM AT THAT POINT...

I WANT YOU TO BECOME POPULAR WITH GIRLS AND MAKE ME JEALOUS.
THEN... WE'LL GET BACK TO... WHERE WE LEFT OFF TODAY...?
...DAMN YOU...!!
DASH
GET BACK TO WHERE WE LEFT OFF? WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
I'M...NOT... INTERESTED IN YOU...
DASH
...NOT EVEN A BIT...
HOWEVER ...

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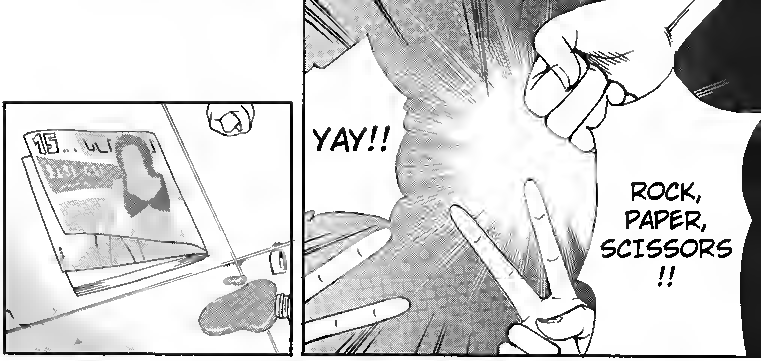
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YAY!!
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS !!

AH... AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL ...

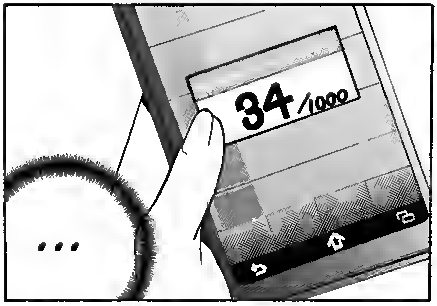
STUFFY
KAZUKI YUGAWARA (SECOND-YEAR STUDENT)
IT NEVER BOTHERED ME BEFORE, BUT IT'S REALLY... STUFFY... AND STINKY IN HERE...
IT MUST BE BECAUSE I REALIZED YESTERDAY WHAT GIRLS ARE LIKE... CRAP...
IT'S HOT
ANYWAY, NOW THAT I LOOK AROUND ...
THUMP
BANG
...YU'S DEFINITELY CUTE...
...STOP IT!!!
WHAT AM I THINKING?! GOING FOR A GUY...
I WANNA HAVE SOME FUN WITH GIRLS! I WANNA BE POPULAR!!
BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?! CRAP!
MIIIN
MIIIN

SWISH
SCREAM !!
Fighters
OOYAMADA
6
YU SAKURADA
FRESHMAN
HUH? ISN'T HE IN THE SOCCER CLUB?
HE DOUBLE DIPS A LOT. HE'S ATHLETIC.
SHRIEK!
GRIND
HE'S GOT GIRLS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ...AGAIN ...IT MUST BE NICE ...
!

APPEAR
WOW, KAZUKI! YOU CAME TO SEE ME?!
UM... N... NO...
GET OFF OF ME!!
YEAH...
INTRO-DUCE YOU TO MY FEMALE FRIENDS?
C... COME ON. YOU HAVE MANY OF THEM, DON'T YOU?
TURN
6
NO WAY.
WHAT...?!
WHY?! YOU TOLD ME TO GET POPULAR...
...I KNOW, BUT...

GIRLS HAVE TO COME TO YOU NATURALLY IF YOU'RE GONNA BE POPULAR...
YOU NEED TO GO HUNTING ON YOUR OWN!!
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE. I DON'T KNOW ANY GIRL...
DISAPPOINTED
REALLY?
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE GIRL ON YOUR PHONE'S CONTACT LIST?
UM... WELL...
WALK
WALK
I DON'T KNOW...
ETC
...WELL THEN...

LET'S GO DOWN YOUR CONTACT LIST FROM THE TOP AND ASK EVERY ONE OF THEM OUT.
SOMEONE'S GOT TO BITE IF YOU TRY EVERYONE, NO?
SHOCK
REALLY?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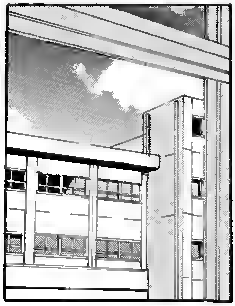

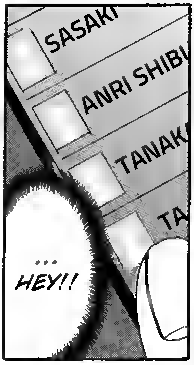
SASAKI
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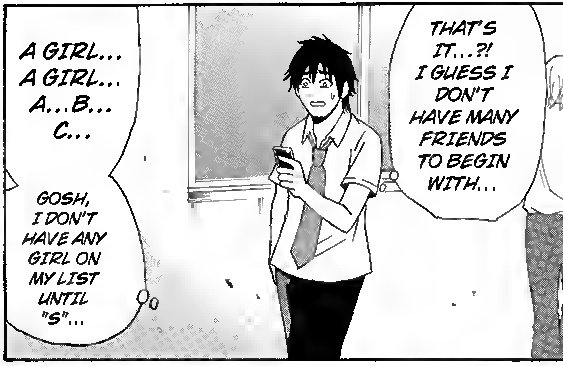
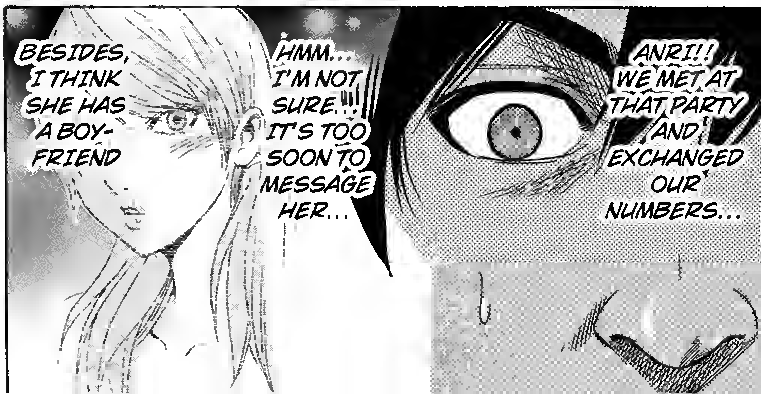
TANAKA
TA
... HEY!!

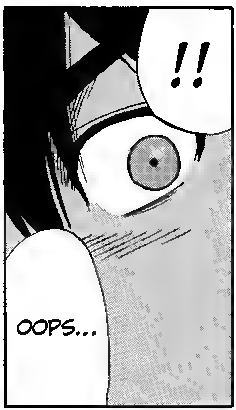

A GIRL... A GIRL... A...B... C...
GOSH, I DON'T HAVE ANY GIRL ON MY LIST UNTIL "S"...
THAT'S IT...?! I GUESS I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS TO BEGIN WITH...


BESIDES, I THINK SHE HAS A BOY-FRIEND
HMM... I'M NOT SURE... IT'S TOO SOON TO MESSAGE HER...
ANRI!! WE MET AT THAT PARTY AND EXCHANGED OUR NUMBERS...

SCATTER
HOUSE-WIFE
100
13
TIMES NON-STOP
EROTIC
HARD-ON
DAIJI SHIN
MURA OMURA
LEO ASAKURA
FORCE ME
MATURE WOMEN
INTENSE! MORE PAGES! WITH COMICS & IN COLOR!
ECSTASY
SCATTER
ASADA
HMM...
BUMP

T...
THIS GUY IS...

BWAHAHA!! HOW MANY DID YOU BRING?!
BWA HA HA!
RETRIE-VING...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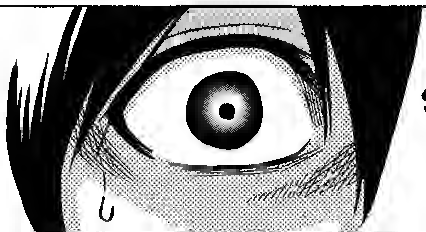
OOPS...

HIROYUKI EKODA!!!
HMM...
DVD
SHOCKING


THAT'S IT!!
WAIT A SECOND... IF I USE HIM...

HE HAS NO GIRL-FRIEND, AND ALL THE GIRLS IN HIS JUNIOR HIGH CLASS HATED HIM...
AHHUH...
OH YEAH...
JUST LIKE ME, EKODA IS CRAWLING AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE ALL-BOYS SCHOOL HIERARCHY.

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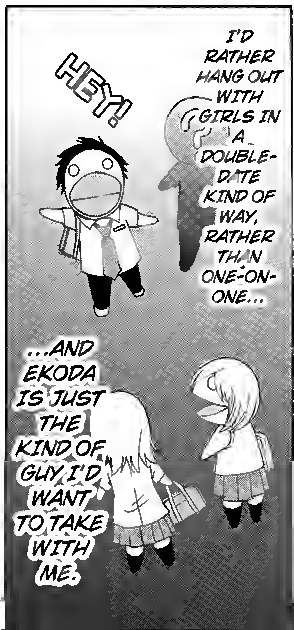
HEY!
I'D RATHER HANG OUT WITH GIRLS IN A DOUBLE-DATE KIND OF WAY, RATHER THAN ONE-ON-ONE...
...AND EKODA IS JUST THE KIND OF GUY I'D WANT TO TAKE WITH ME.

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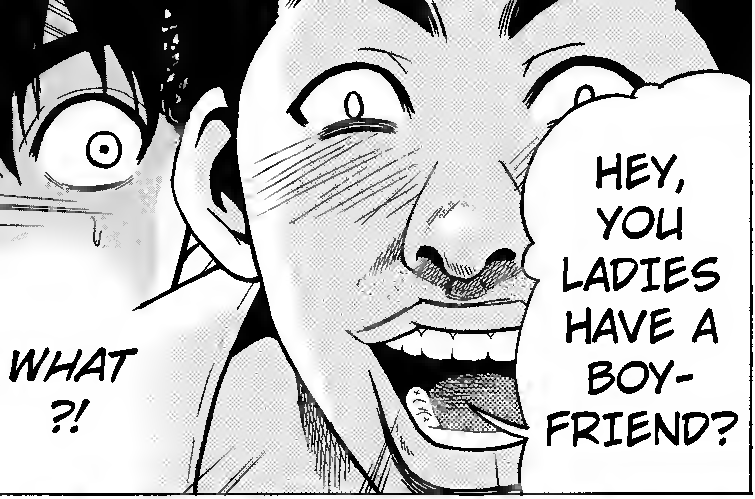
MIND IN THE GUTTER
HEY, ARE THE GIRLS CUTE?
DO THEY HAVE BIG BOOBS? WHAT SIZE?
I'M BRINGING SOMEONE WHO'S GONNA MAKE ME LOOK GOOD!!
THIS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN... THAT'S WHY,

...IN THE END...
Shokey's
Pizza

THE ONLY ONE I COULD CALL WAS A GIRL FROM MY JUNIOR HIGH. WE WERE IN A SAME CLUB.
WE HAPPEN TO USE THE SAME TRAIN STATION, SO I THOUGHT I COULD TALK TO HER A BIT...
OH, GOSH. I'M GETTING NERVOUS ...
CHATTER
CHATTER
THUMP
KAZUKI!
HA HA !!
...!! H... HEY...
YOU DIDN'T RECOG-NIZE ME?
HAHA
W... WELL... IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
UM...

NAKAYAMA
THIS IS MY FRIEND CHIKA!
HI!
OH BOY... THEY'RE CUTE...
OKAY... LET ME FIRST...
THUMP
THUMP
LONG TIME NO SEE! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

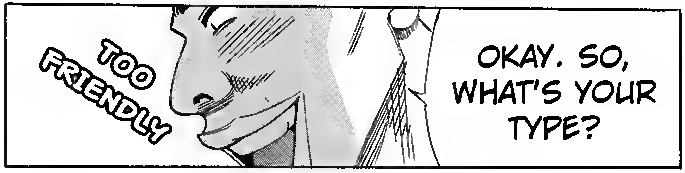

HEY, YOU LADIES HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?
WHAT ?!

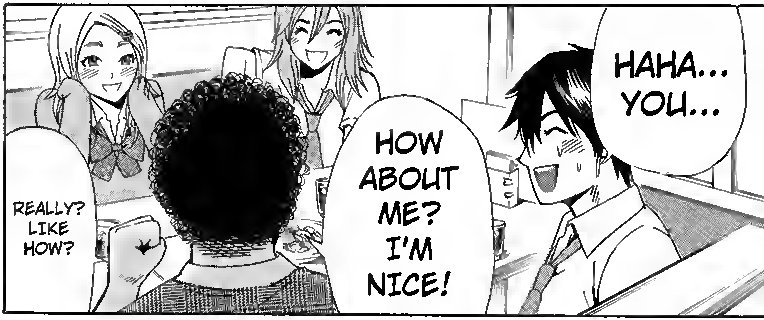
W... WHAT...IT'S TOO SOON! WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?!
STUPID VIRGIN... BACK DOWN!!

WHY? YOU'RE SO BLUNT!
SHE'S RIGHT! WE'VE JUST MET THEM...
FINE...
CHATTER CHATTER
THEN, WHO'S MORE POPU-LAR? YOU?
STOP IT... SHUT UP!!
HAHA

WELL...
WHAT AM I GONNA DO...?
THUMP THUMP
MY PLAN IS BACK-FIRING... HE'S STEALING THE SHOW.
CUTE
OKAY... SO, HOW ABOUT YOU TWO? ANY GIRL-FRIEND?
YOU ALWAYS ARE, YOU IDIOT.
WELL, I'M AVAI-LABLE AT THE MOMENT.
AS A FORMER STUDENT MANAGER OF OUR BASKETBALL TEAM, SHE'S GOOD AT THIS!
COME ON!
HAHA
HUH?
G... GREAT! SHE'S GOING ALONG WITH US...

...SINCE JUNIOR HIGH...
I'VE SECRETLY HAD A CRUSH ON HER... SHE'S CHEERFUL ...
HAS TONS OF FRIENDS, BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS...
THIS IS MY ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY...!!
THAT'S RIGHT...!
GRIP
I'M GONNA SCORE A DATE WITH HER!!





...WHAT'S GOING ON...??

NO WAY!
HEY, CHECK OUT MY SIX-PACK ABS! FOR REAL!
HA HA HA
SHRIEK!
UM... S... SO...
BUAHAHA REALLY
...
HOLD ON... I... I'M...
W... WAIT A MINUTE...
DRIP

NOT
TALKING
AT
ALL...

OH NO... HE'S DOING ALL THE TALKING AND I'M NOT SAYING A WORD...
HA HA HA
OH, COME ON
WHY DOES SOMEONE LIKE HIM GETS TO HAVE FUN WHILE I'M SITTING HERE DESPERATELY ...?!

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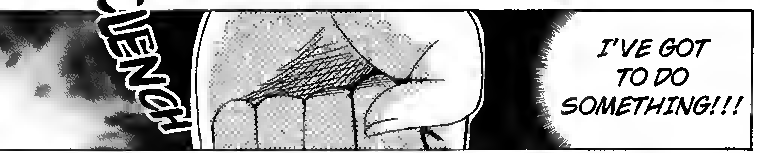

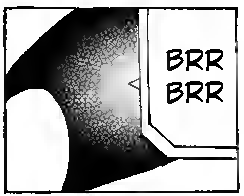

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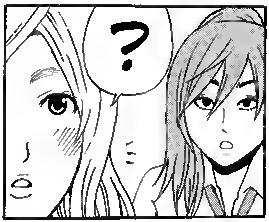
HA HA HA !!!
SHUT UP!! WHAT DO I DO...?
WELL, YOU'RE AWFUL AT TALKING TO GIRLS ANYWAY...
FSSHHH
SO, THAT HIROYUKI GUY IS GATHERING ALL THE ATTENTION FROM THE GIRLS AND MAKING YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T EXIST.
IT'S NOT FUNNY.
DAMN RIGHT...
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.
SIGH
IT'S HOPELESS IF YOU CAN'T EVEN TALK TO A GIRL SO...
OH WELL ...

THERE ARE THREE RULES.
HAVING A CONVERSATION IS EASY IF YOU JUST FOLLOW THEM.

RULE #1 "HEY"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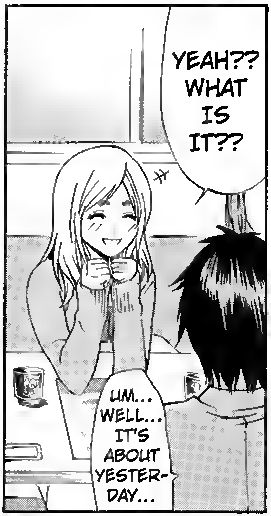
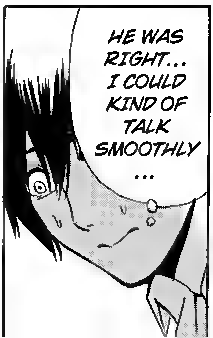
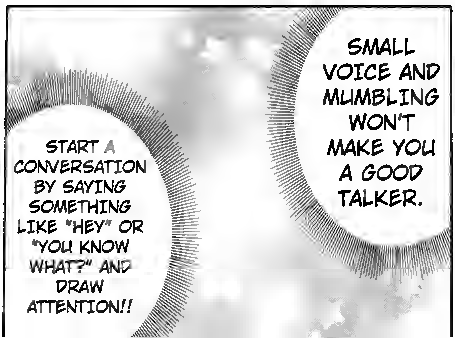

YEAH?? WHAT IS IT??
UM... WELL... IT'S ABOUT YESTER-DAY...

HEY.

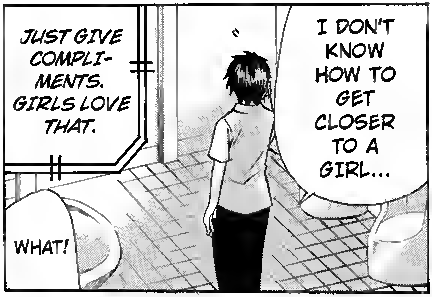

HE WAS RIGHT... I COULD KIND OF TALK SMOOTHLY ...


SMALL VOICE AND MUMBLING WON'T MAKE YOU A GOOD TALKER.
START A CONVERSATION BY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "HEY" OR "YOU KNOW WHAT?" AND DRAW ATTENTION!!

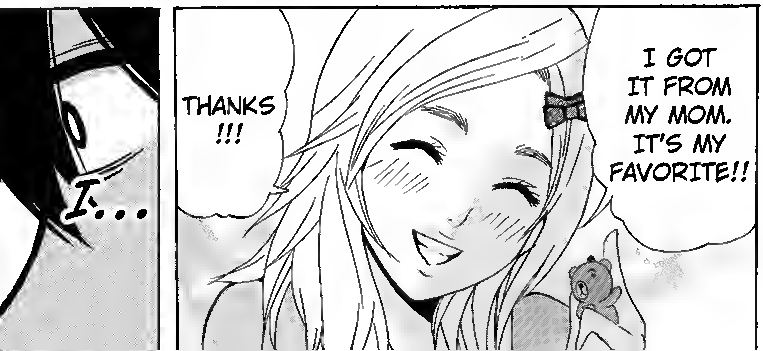
RULE #2 CHOOSE A "RELATABLE SUBJECT"

SILENCE
...
UH-OH, NO ONE'S TALKING!! IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION ...
HA HA HA !!
YOU PERVERT!!
I ACCIDENT-ALLY WENT INTO THE MEN'S BATHROOM!!
TALKING ABOUT TV SHOWS AND MOVIES WON'T GO WELL UNLESS EVERYBODY HAS SEEN THEM.
TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER, THE PLACE YOU GUYS ARE IN, ANYTHING THAT EVERYONE CAN RELATE TO.
I SEE...
HMMM
GEE... IT'S SO FREAKING HOT TODAY, ISN'T IT?
YEAH, NO KIDDING.
GOOD!! IT WORKED !!

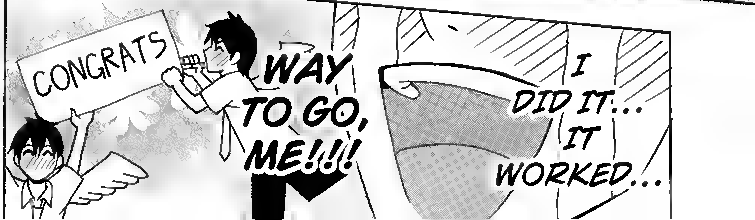
RULE #3 PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE



YOU CAN COMPLIMENT HER ON SO MANY THINGS. MAKE SURE TO BE SPECIFIC WHAT PART OF HER IS SO GREAT!!
LET'S ORDER SOME THING ...
THAT WILL MAKE GIRLS THINK THEY'RE GIVEN ATTENTION
LET'S SEE... IN HER CASE...
HER HAIR STYLE IS... JUST NORMAL...
OH !!!
TH... THAT'S A COOL STRAP!
IT'S SO... YOU.
YOU THINK SO?!


I...
THANKS !!!
I GOT IT FROM MY MOM. IT'S MY FAVORITE!!

I DID IT!!!
BANG BANG


CONGRATS
WAY TO GO, ME!!!
I DID IT... IT WORKED...

YEAH, I HAVE A CURFEW.
OH NO!! WE'VE GOT TO GO.
IT WAS GREAT!!! I DID A WONDERFUL JOB!!!
N...NO... WHAT SHOULD I DO...
THUMP
WHAT... ALREADY ?!
I HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN IF I MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY... SAY IT!!!
WE HAD FUN TALKING. I COMPLIMENTED HER AND MADE HER HAPPY...
I'M GETTING THERE!!
THUMP
THUMP
Y...YOU WANNA...
U... UM...
THUMP

G...GO OUT WITH ME...
S... SOME TIME?
THUMP

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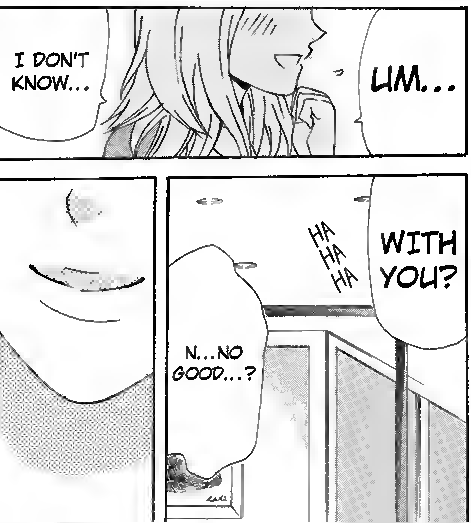
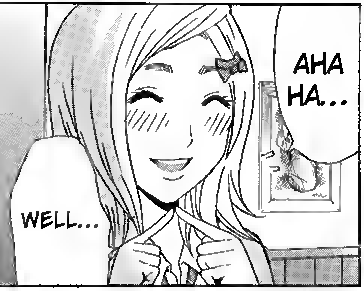


WHERE... WOULD YOU TAKE ME?
CUTE

THUMP
!!!
THUMP
THUMP
OH MY GOSH, SHE'S SO CUTE!!!
THUMP
IS THIS HAPPENING FOR REAL?!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

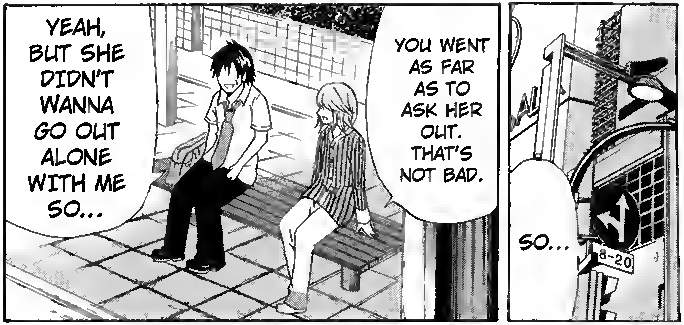

AHA HA...
WELL...

UM...

PANIC
PANIC
A...ANY-PLACE YOU WANT!!
HOW ABOUT KARAOKE OR... BOWLING !!

WE CAN ALL HAVE FUN TOGETHER !!!
OKAY, I'LL BRING LOTS OF OUR FRIENDS FROM JUNIOR HIGH!!

BRRR
OPENS
STEP
NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED ...
KAZUKI!!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
I USED GPS TO FIND YOU!!


YEAH, BUT SHE DIDN'T WANNA GO OUT ALONE WITH ME SO...
YOU WENT AS FAR AS TO ASK HER OUT. THAT'S NOT BAD.
SO...
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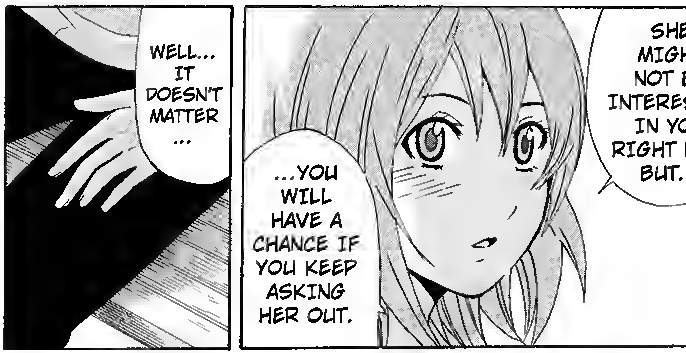

WELL... IT DOESN'T MATTER ...
...YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU KEEP ASKING HER OUT.
SHE MIGHT NOT BE INTERESTED IN YOU RIGHT NOW BUT...

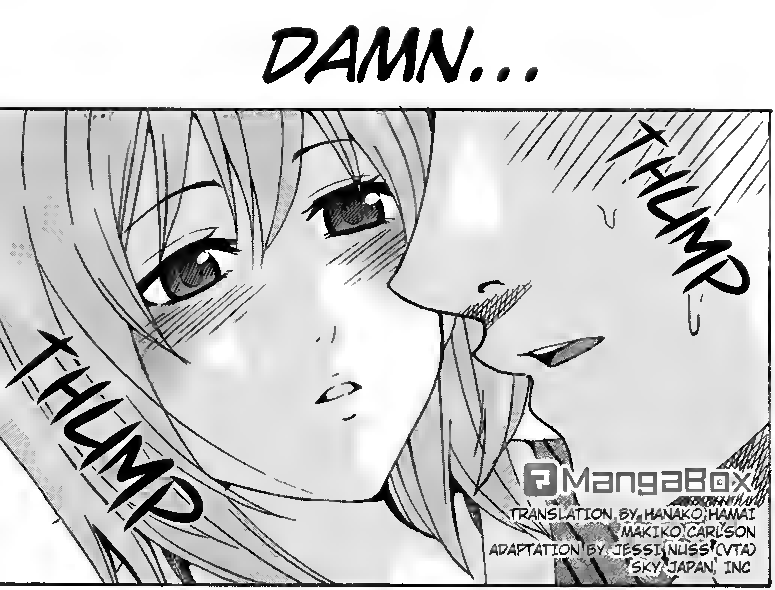
...
WHAT?
LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!!
BUT I DID MY BEST...
I KNOW I'M NOT GOOD AT IMPRESSING GIRLS...

TWO GUYS IN A PHOTO BOOTH TOGETHER ...
IT'S FUN. LET'S KEEP IT AS A MEMORY!!
SNAP
I COULD HAVE BEEN FEELING BLUE IF YU DIDN'T SHOW UP...
HE'S A PRETTY NICE GUY, ACTUALLY ...
PUSH
YOU'RE SO HANDSOME.
IT MIGHT SOUND WEIRD BUT...
HAVING FUN TALKING WITH HER MAKES ME...
...YOU ASKING A GIRL OUT AND...
??

DON'T BE SHY.
SNUGGLE
THUMP !!!
W... WHAT !!!
WHAT IS HE DOING...? STOP COMING SO CLOSE TO ME SO SUDDENLY!!!
IT MAKES ME GET EXCITED ...
...A LOT.
GET CLOSER TO THE CAMERA. LET'S LOOK AT EACH OTHER!!
HERE KAZUKI.
HUH?

THUMP
HE'S EVEN CUTER UP CLOSE...
THUMP
HIS LASHES ARE SO LONG...
THUMP
COME... CLOSER...
STOP!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!?
W... WOOOW!!!!!
THUMP
WHY AM I GETTING EXCITED BEING WITH A GUY!!!
NO, IT'S NOT HIM!! WHAT AM I DOING?!
THUMP

THUMP
RUN AWAY...
TURN HIM DOWN...
THUMP
THUMP
BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF FROM BEING DRAWN TO HIM... I CAN'T MOVE...



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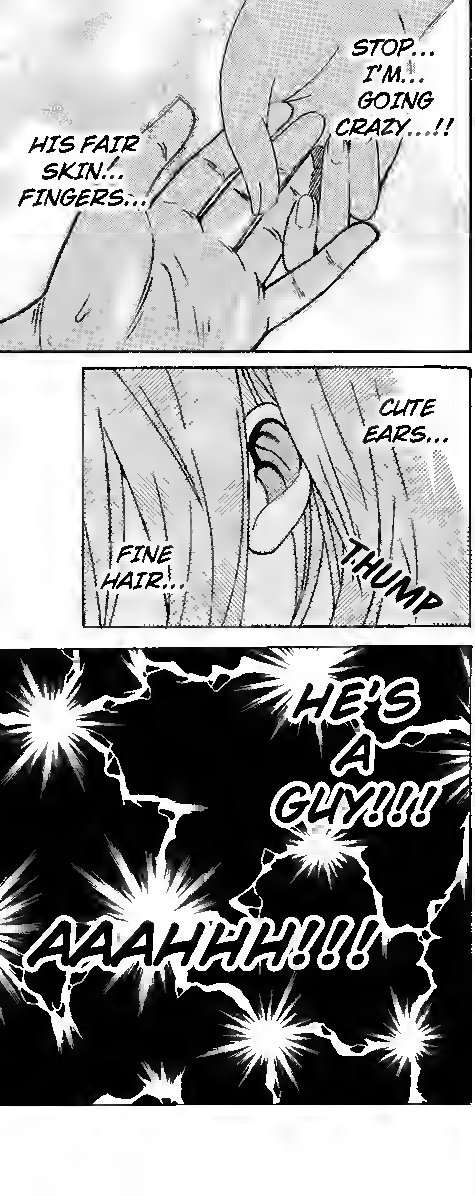
STOL
ANY-THING WE WANT IN HERE.


STOP... I'M... GOING CRAZY...!!
HIS FAIR SKIN... FINGERS...
CUTE EARS...
FINE HAIR...
THUMP
HE'S A GUY!!!
AAAHHH!!!
THUMP
!!!

GRAB
OH...
OH NO, OH NO, OH NO!!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
NO, I CAN'T !!!

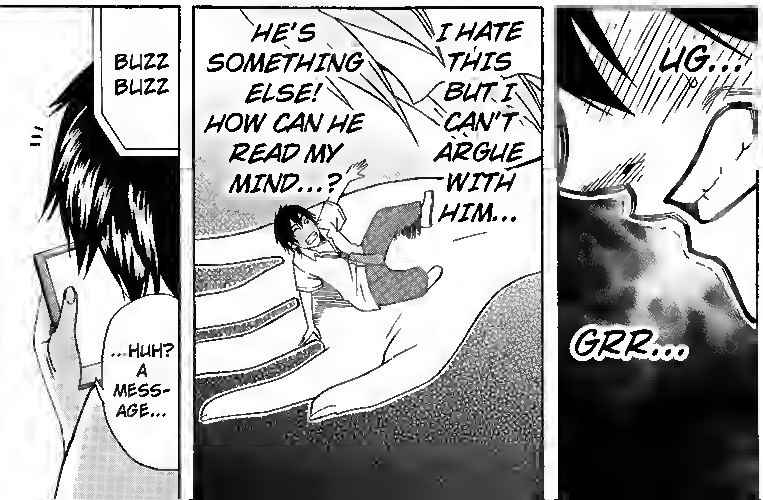
SLAM
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE !!!
KAZU...

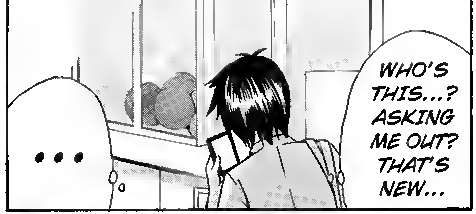
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
PUCKER
Yooo

AHHH!!!

BANG!!
SIT UP
OH, LOOK! OUR PHOTO IS READY.
I... DON'T GET IT...
HAHA... NOT YET.
JUST THE WAY A DOG WOULD LIKE ANYONE WHO FEEDS HIM.
YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY WANT.
RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE JUST IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO'S IN LOVE WITH YOU.
Y... YU...
HAHA! YOU'RE NOT EVEN IN IT!

I'M ROOTING FOR YOU TO GET MORE POPULAR!!
I'LL KEEP THE PHOTO.
THIS MONTH'S NEW ITEMS


UG...
GRR...
I HATE THIS BUT I CAN'T ARGUE WITH HIM...
HE'S SOMETHING ELSE! HOW CAN HE READ MY MIND...?
BUZZ BUZZ
...HUH? A MESS-AGE...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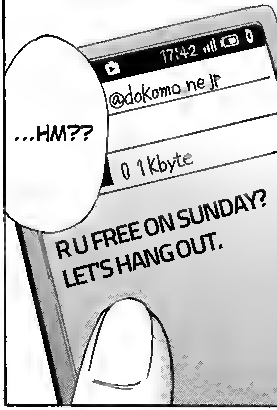
WHO'S THIS...? ASKING ME OUT? THAT'S NEW...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R U FREE ON SUNDAY? LET'S HANG OUT.

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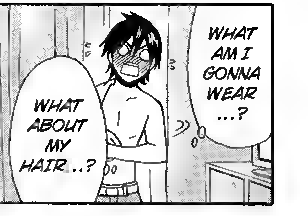

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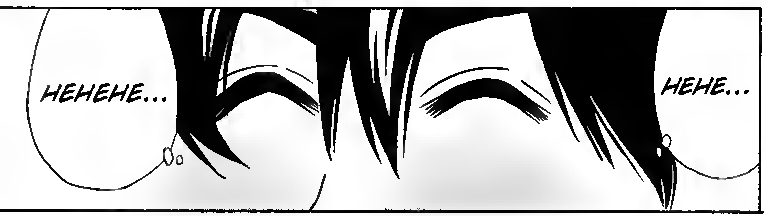

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OH YES
IT'S MY LIFE, YEAH.
WHAT'S UP, KAZUKI?
I'M FIXING MY HAIR BUT IT ISN'T COOL ENOUGH.

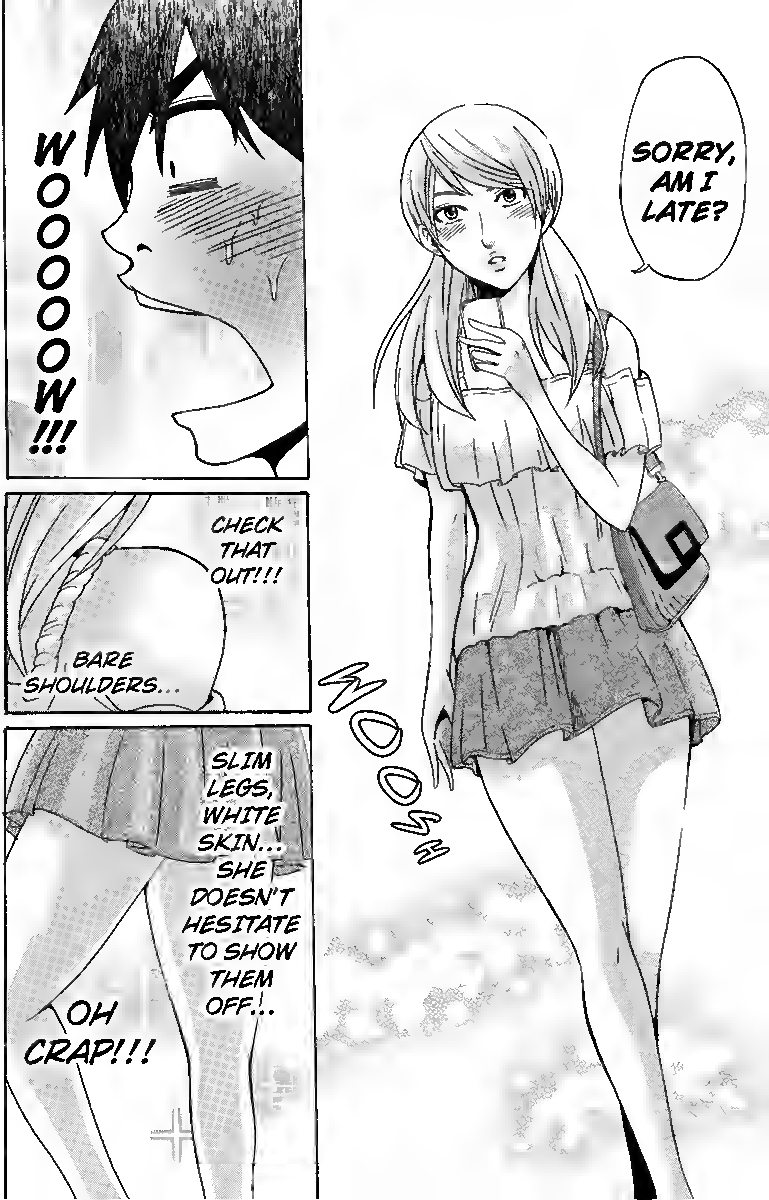
YAY
GOSH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HEHEHE
SHE ASKED ME OUT BUT I'M NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?
ASKED OUT? WHO'S SHE?
DASH
WELL, I'M NOT TELLING YOU.
YES, YOU ARE!! IS THAT YOUR FRIEND WE MET THE OTHER DAY?!
WRONG.
THEN, WHO IS IT? SAY IT!!!

YOU LOOK SO HAPPY.
I AM, KIND OF. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE BIOLOGY CLUB ASKED ME TO KEEP AN OBSERVATION RECORD.
THIS IS CALLED A PITCHER PLANT AND THEY EAT INSECTS.
THEY LOOK KIND OF CUTE FROM OUTSIDE.
THAT'S NICE. ANYWAY, ANRI TEXTED ME. SHE WANTS TO GO OUT WITH ME.
AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

TOUCH
I SEE...
HEY, LOOK.
BUZZ
"YOU BEING ASKED OUT... GETS ME EXCITED!!" ...
HMM...? I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA MAKE HIM SAY THINGS
THE PITCHER PLANT ATTRACTS MOSQUITOS AND FLIES WITH THE NECTAR INSIDE THE CAVITY.
LAND
THOSE THAT FALL INSIDE WILL BE SLOWLY DIGESTED AND ABSORBED.
NOT ONLY PLANTS BUT...

SLIP
FLOAT
...THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF GIRLS... BE CAREFUL.
?

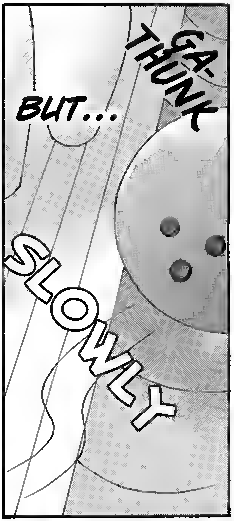
SUNDAY
THUMP
THUMP
I'M SO NERVOUS ...
MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO THE BATHROOM FIRST...
WHERE IS SHE...? WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET TEN MINUTES AGO...
I THOUGHT WE WERE MEETING HERE. OR AM I AT THE WRONG PLACE?
HEY.
!!!
WHAT DO PEOPLE DO ON A DATE, ANYWAY?!
AMMM
GO EAT SOMETHING TOGETHER...? STOP AT A COFFEE SHOP...? HECK, I DON'T KNOW...
AMMM
DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR HER?!


WOOOOOW!!!
CHECK THAT OUT!!!
BARE SHOULDERS...
SLIM LEGS, WHITE SKIN... SHE DOESN'T HESITATE TO SHOW THEM OFF...
OH CRAP!!!
WOOSH
SORRY, AM I LATE?

SHE'S SO HOT!!!
THUMP
ARE YOU OKAY?
OUR DATE HASN'T EVEN STARTED BUT SHE'S ALREADY KNOCKING ME OUT!!!
S... SURE!! WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
I DECIDE WHERE TO GO?
YOU DIDN'T PLAN ANYTHING?
OH NO... WHAT SHOULD I DO...
WELL THEN, LET'S GO BOWLING!! I'M GOOD AT IT.
IF YOU LOSE THE GAME...,
GLOOM
UGH... I SEE... GUYS MAKE A PLAN AND THAT'S HOW A DATE WORKS!!!
I WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THAT!!

GRAB
WHAT? A...ARM IN ARM?! REALLY?! DATING IS...
...HOW ABOUT YOU BUY ME DINNER.
TOTALLY FANTASTIC!!!
TO BE CONTINUED!!

MY FIRST DATE EVER WITH A GIRL AT A BOWLING ALLEY!!!



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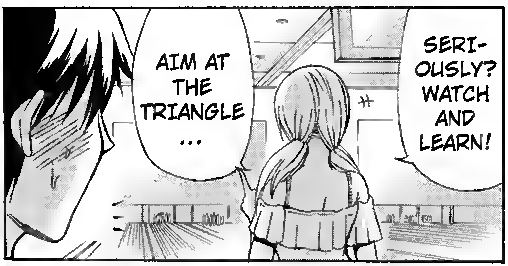

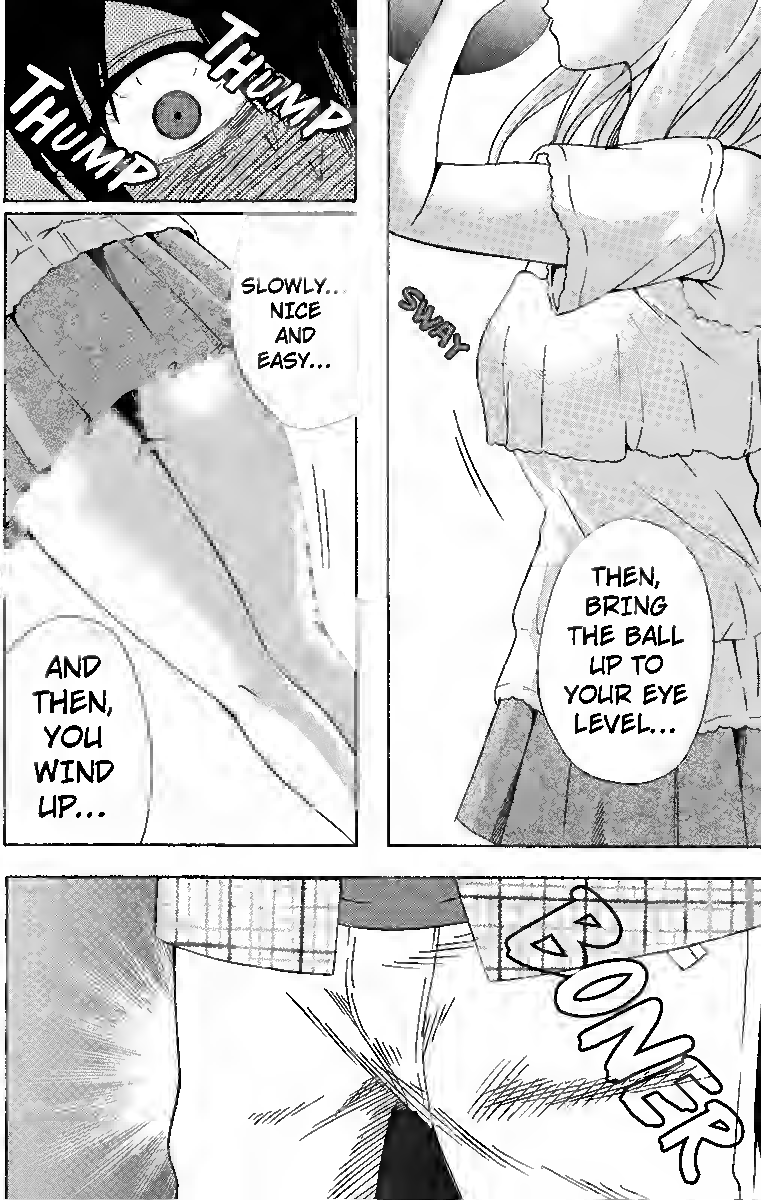

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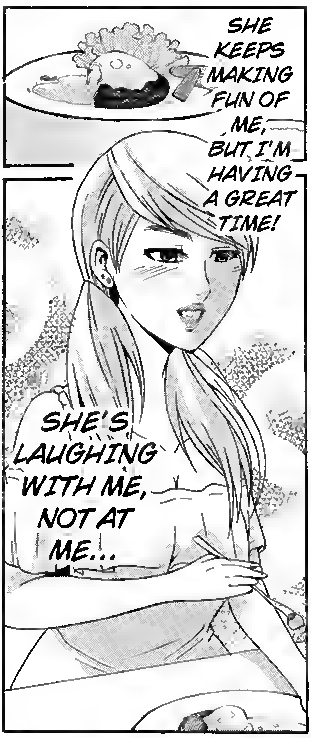
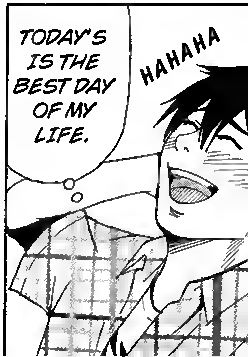
BAM
A...ANRI, SHE'S AMAZING!! I CAN'T TAKE THIS!!
ALL RIGHT! STRIKE!! WERE YOU WATCHING ME?!
Y... YEA...
CRASH
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


SHE KEEPS MAKING FUN OF ME, BUT I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME!
SHE'S LAUGHING WITH ME, NOT AT ME...

YOU HAVE A WEIRD WAY OF USING CHOP-STICKS! YOU CAN'T GRAB ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
HAHAHA
W... WELL... I'M USED TO HOLDING THEM LIKE THIS...


TODAY'S IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE.
HAHAHA

WALK-OFF LOSS
!!!
YOKO
STARE
YU?!

DOES HE SERIOUSLY THINK A NEWSPAPER WITH A HUGE HOLE CAN HIDE HIM?!
WHAT THE...?! IS HE NUTS?! A NEWSPAPER? HOW LOW-TECH!
F... FINE...
...WHAT'S WRONG?
THUMP
THUMP
IS HE SPYING ON ME...?!
YOU WATCH!!
I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO THIS TODAY...
I'M GOING TO SCORE WITH ANRI!!
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

YOU'VE NEVER HAD A GIRL-FRIEND... RIGHT?
THUMP
W... WELL... A... ACTUALLY... I SORT OF...
HAHAHA! DON'T WORRY, I HAVEN'T EITHER.
R... REALLY?
YEAH... PEOPLE THINK I PARTY A LOT,
BUT I RARELY FALL IN LOVE...

SAD
MY CHANCE... THAT'S RIGHT!!
...WAIT! T...THIS IS...
PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE!!!
B... BUT, I THINK YOU'RE REALLY CUTE!

YEAH, I KNOW.
DISMISS
...BUT THANKS.
I'M BEING SO CHATTY TONIGHT...
TWIST TWIST
!
....
YOU'RE SO EASY TO TALK TO, KAZUKI.
Y...YEAH? IF YOU FEEL LIKE TALKING TO SOMEONE...
... ACTUALLY...

I WANT THAT SOMEONE TO BE YOU...
I... IS... THIS...
MAYBE...
THUMP
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